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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

8 MAR 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President
FROM : George Bush
Director
SUBJECT : Status of the Soviet Program of
Dismantling ICBM Launchers

1. This memorandum reviews, on the basis of photography through 22 February, the status of our knowledge of Soviet progress in dismantling 51 ICBM launchers by 1 March as required under the terms of the Interim Agreement. It also estimates how long it would take for these launchers to be restored to operational condition. The options available for additional photographic coverage of the ICBM launchers are also discussed.

Status of the Dismantling Program

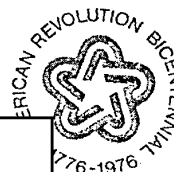
2. Under the terms of the Interim Agreement the Soviets were obligated to have dismantled 23 ICBM launchers by 23 January and a total of 51 ICBM launchers by 1 March. We are virtually certain that the Soviets did not meet their 23 January obligation, but are less certain of the extent to which they met their 1 March obligation.

3. On the basis of high-quality photographic coverage, the status of the dismantling program as of 23 January was as follows:

-- Eight ICBM launchers were completely dismantled. It would take two months to restore these launchers to an operational status, the same period it would require to build a new soft site for an SS-7 or SS-8 launcher.

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- Twenty-two of the ICBM launchers were at sites where, in addition to the removal of missiles and transportable equipment, propellant tanks or control bunkers were completely or partially torn down. These launchers could be restored in about two months.
- Twelve launchers were at sites where only the missiles and transportable equipment were removed. These launchers could be returned to an operational status in less than a month.
- Nine of the launchers are at sites where the control bunkers have been partially excavated, and four silos have had some components removed. It would take one to two months to make all nine launchers operational again.

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/s/ George Bush

George Bush

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable Brent Scowcroft
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

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Attached is my report to the President
on the status of the Soviet program for
dismantling ICBM launchers and the options
available to us for additional photographic
coverage.

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

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